(*d*) Government have no information.

(*e*) Yes.

Sir, I wish to modify the last answer. The number of applications are nearly 18 and we propose to take a large area to accommodate all of them.

BORE-HOLE LATRINES IN DEPRESSED CLASS COLONIES

302. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether machines for making bore-hole latrines have been supplied for the use of depressed classes residing in colonies in 1114 and 1115 ;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) what was the price of the machines supplied;

(*d*) whether bore-hole latrines were dug in any of the colonies ; if so, how many in each colony ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes; in 1114.

(*b*) 3.

(*c*) Rs. 106.

(*d*) Yes ; 3 latrines were dug in the Vijayaraghavapuram Colony.

RURAL LIBRARIES—CONDITION AFTER TRANSFER TO MINISTER'S CONTROL

303. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of rural libraries that have been established since the ministry was established ;

(*b*) the number of books purchased and distributed to the libraries ;

(*c*) the total amount of money hitherto spent on the libraries since the Ministry of Rural Development was established ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 31 libraries were started after the rural libraries were transferred to the Minister's control in 1115. At the time of transfer, there were 44 libraries working.

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(*b*) 4,809 books were supplied to the libraries, after the libraries were transferred to the Minister's control.

(*c*) Rs. 8,320 (till 15th Makaram 1116), after the libraries were transferred to the Minister's control.

CENTRAL BANK—FREE SUPPLY OF STATIONERY

304. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be kind enough to state whether they are supplying any stationery free to the Central Bank of India?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

MATTANCHERI ROAD BRIDGE—CLOSING OF

305. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) for what purpose the Mattancheri road bridge was closed for traffic between the hours of 7-30 and 9-30 a.m. on 28th December 1940;

(*b*) whether their attention has been drawn to an advertisement dated 21st December 1940 published in "the Hindu" of Tuesday, December 24, 1940, regarding the closing of the bridge, as mentioned in question No. (*a*) above, by the Executive Engineer;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether any other bridge in the State was or is so closed at any time?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) For works purposes.

(*b*) There was a notice published in "the Hindu".

(*c*) It is the practice everywhere to close bridges for constructional purposes.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS—CIRCULATION OF

306. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any information regarding the present circulation of newspapers and other periodicals published in Cochin State;

(*b*) if not, will Government be pleased to ascertain from the publishers concerned the information required;

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